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9/11 COMMISSION: The U.S. "blinded itself to its enemies" before the terror attacks, Attorney General John Ashcroft testified. **Nation** | Page 3

M. SCOTT MAHASKEY/MARINE CORPS TIMES/AP

FRAGILE TRUCE: A U.S. Marine is helped to an ambulance after being injured in an attack outside of Fallujah, Iraq, on Tuesday. A cease-fire in the volatile Sunni city has largely held since Sunday. Meanwhile, troops readied for a confrontation with radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in the holy city of Najaf.

Troops Converge on Najaf

Showdown with cleric looms; possible civilian bodies found

NAJAF, IRAQ | A 2,500-strong U.S. force, backed by tanks and artillery, massed Tuesday on the outskirts of Najaf for a showdown with a radical cleric whose militia led a bloody uprising across the south, raising fears of an American assault on the holiest Shiite city.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials uncovered four bodies, possibly those of private contractors missing since an attack on their convoy outside Baghdad amid a worsening string of kidnappings of at least 22 foreigners in Iraq.

Iraqi politicians and ayatollahs tried to negotiate a solution to avert a U.S. attack on Najaf, which would outrage the nation's relatively pro-U.S. Shiite majority and could turn what has been a limited revolt by a single militia into an outright Shiite rebellion. A military advance could also inflame Shiites in neighboring Iran.

The anti-U.S. cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, was holed up in his office in Najaf, shielded not only by gunmen but by the presence of the city's main shrine only yards away. He vowed to continue what he called "a popular revolution" to end the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

U.S. commanders vowed to kill or capture al-Sadr, though officials suggested they would give negotiations a chance.

"The target is not Najaf. The target is Muqtada al-Sadr and his militia," said Brig. Mark Kimmitt, deputy head of U.S. military operations in Iraq. "We will hunt him down and destroy him."

A State Department official confirmed the discovery of the four bodies. Initial reports said the four bodies were mutilated, but those reports were not confirmed, the official said. The identities of the victims were unknown, said the official, speaking only on condition of anonymity. DENIS D. GRAY (AP)

Bush on Iraq and 9/11: Coverage of the president's Tuesday night press conference | Today's Washington Post

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Rhymes With Hottie: *Peter Cincotti* puts the "oo" in crooner. Also, the *Muzzle Awards* are handed out; *George Michael* bows out; and Mel Gibson's *"The Passion"* rocks out.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS | A Heated Conversation

A mobile phone exploded in Hong Kong on Tuesday, slightly injuring the man who had been talking into it. The man was standing in line at a bank when the phone mysteriously blew up. ATV television showed footage of phone pieces laying on the floor of the bank lobby. The man, who was not identified, said he was only slightly hurt — some slivers of phone parts got into his eye and scraped his hand. No word on why the phone exploded. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

TOM THOMPSON/PENINSULA DAILY NEWS/AP

IN THE WILD

Nature Is A Dancer

It was one of those moments in nature that would make even the most seasoned of athletes take notice. A Peninsula Daily News photographer was milling about in the marshes of Sequim Bay, Wash., when this red-winged blackbird decided to strike a pose between two reeds. According to the photographer, the bird did the split, held the stance for a bit, then broke from its awkward position and flew away moments later. (EXPRESS)

ANIMAL WATCH

Live or Live Not

A dwarf mouse named Yoda has celebrated his fourth birthday, making him the oldest of his kind and far beyond 100 in human years, the University of Michigan Medical School says. Yoda, pictured here with cage-mate Princess Leia to his right, owes his longevity to genetic modifications that affected his pituitary and thyroid glands, reduced his insulin production, and left him a third smaller than an average mouse and very sensitive to cold. On the other hand, at the human equivalent of about 136 years, Yoda is still mobile, sexually active and "looking good," school officials say. (AP)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN/AP

ON THE BEACH

The Best View On Campus

Beach bums in Vancouver, British Columbia, could receive far too much exposure if a proposed pair of high-rise dorms are built on the cliffs above a world-famous nude beach. If the University of British Columbia builds the 20-story residences, binoculars and Web cameras will soon be trained on Wreck Beach, ruining beachgoers' privacy, Wreck Beach Preservation Society protesters said. University Vice President Dennis Pavlich said Monday that the university will keep the group's concerns in mind when designing the buildings. (AP)

PETS

Pooches Unleashed

After much howling in the Tennessee Legislature, senators decided that dogs can continue riding unrestrained in the backs of pickup trucks. They voted down a bill Monday that would have made such rides in truck beds a misdemeanor offense, punishable with a $50 fine. Sponsors said they were trying to protect the animals and motorists, but lawmakers — particularly from rural areas of the state — were highly critical of the idea. (AP)

ENERGY SOURCES

Powered by Pigs

A University of Illinois research team is working on converting pig manure into a form of crude oil that could be refined to heat homes or generate electricity. Years of research and fine-tuning are ahead before the idea could be commercially viable, but results so far indicate there might be big benefits for farmers and consumers, lead researcher Yanhui Zhang said. Zhang predicted that one day a reactor the size of a home furnace could process the manure generated by 2,000 hogs at a cost of about $10 per barrel. However, more research is needed to develop a large-scale production process. (AP)

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In Brief

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Man Who Put Razor Blades In Luggage Sentenced

A man who arrived at Dallas airport on a flight from Europe with 32 razor blades in his carry-on luggage has been sentenced to more than five years in prison. Prosecutors said Fazal Karim, a Canadian citizen originally from Pakistan, was testing security for potential terrorist aims when he carried the double-edged blades into the airport. Karim, 37, denied he had any terrorist ties. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Deadline Set for New Rail Cargo Security Measures

Rail shippers on July 12 will have to start sending electronic manifests identifying their cargo before reaching the first stop, the government said on Tuesday. The rule will help customs officials identify rail shipments that pose a potential terrorist threat. July 12 is the first deadline for rail shippers calling at 24 ports of entry. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Bushes Report Paying More Than $227K in Federal Taxes

President Bush reported $822,126 in adjusted gross income for last year, on which he paid $227,490 in federal income taxes — or about 28 percent, according to the president's federal returns released Tuesday by the White House. Bush and his wife, Laura, listed as income his presidential salary, interest and the investment income from trusts that hold their assets. (AP)

Panel: FBI Missed Chance to Stop 9/11

Bush, Clinton officials point fingers over bureau's shortcomings

WASHINGTON | In a world "blinking red" with terrorist threats against the United States, the FBI missed a last-minute chance to detect a key al Qaeda cell and possibly disrupt the Sept. 11 attacks, the commission investigating the 2001 hijackings said Tuesday.

Missteps in linking terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui to al Qaeda in the weeks before the attacks were emblematic of chronic problems within the FBI, including limited intelligence and analysis capabilities and floundering attempts at reorganization, the commission said.

In a day of finger-pointing, the panel chairman, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, said two scathing reports compiled by the commission's investigators amounted to "an indictment of the FBI," while Attorney General John Ashcroft took a veiled swipe at the Clinton administration.

DENNIS COOK/AP

SWORN TESTIMONY: Attorney General John Ashcroft defended himself Tuesday against allegations he was not interested in pre-9/11 reports on terrorist groups.

Louis J. Freeh, who headed the bureau from 1993 to mid-2001, bristled at Kean's words, saying a lack of resources and "legal impediments" made it difficult for agents to pursue terrorism investigations.

Former Attorney General Janet Reno also spoke of a lack of resources but said the FBI under Freeh did a poor job keeping track of the information its agents gathered.

Ashcroft, her successor and the last witness at Tuesday's hearing, said a key reason for the failures was a legal restriction, known as "the wall," that prevented sharing of FBI intelligence information with criminal investigators. Ashcroft blamed Reno for issuing "draconian" guidelines in 1995 that made such sharing even more difficult.

"The simple fact of Sept. 11 is this: We did not know an attack was coming because for nearly a decade our government had blinded itself to its enemies," Ashcroft said.

Former acting FBI Director Thomas Pickard, who headed the bureau just before the attacks, told the panel Ashcroft did not seem to consider terrorism a priority. He said that after he began briefing Ashcroft twice a week on the threats, Ashcroft told Pickard "he did not want to hear this information any more."

Ashcroft denied saying that and added that he had "interrogated" Pickard in their meetings about any possible terror threats facing the United States. CURT ANDERSON (AP)

The FBI's role: More on Tuesday's 9/11 Commission testimony, including analysis, video and full transcripts from Bush and Clinton administration officials | washingtonpost.com/nation

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"I have learned my lesson (at your expense), and shall certainly be more careful in the future."

—SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA APOLOGIZING IN A LETTER TUESDAY FOR AN INCIDENT IN WHICH A FEDERAL MARSHAL LAST WEEK SEIZED AN AP REPORTER'S TAPE RECORDER AND ERASED A TAPE OF SCALIA SPEAKING.

CDC to Stockpile Flu Shots for Kids

ATLANTA | For the first time, the government will stockpile flu shots and will target them toward children to avoid the vaccine shortages that caught health officials off-guard this past winter.

"We really failed to foresee the influenza vaccine shortage this year," said Dr. Lance Rodewald, director of the immunization services division for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 4 million doses will be set aside for children up to 18 years old. The government plans to spend $80 million over the next two years to pay for the stockpile, said Dr. Stephen Cochi, the CDC's acting director of the national immunization program.

Adults may be allowed to tap into the children-only supply during a crisis, if approved by Congress, Rodewald said.

CDC officials hope the announcement of its planned stockpile will be an incentive to manufacturers to make more flu shots.

Last year, the CDC revised its flu death estimates — about 36,000 people die from the flu each year, up from about 10,000. DANIEL YEE (AP)

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Nation

U.S. Deficit Nears $300B

Officials expect budget shortfall to set a record, reaching at least $477B

WASHINGTON | The government produced a deficit of $299.5 billion in the first half of the 2004 budget year, the Treasury Department reported Tuesday.

For the budget year that began Oct. 1, spending came to $1.1 trillion, while revenues totaled $850.4 billion.

The year-to-date deficit showed the government bleeding more red ink than the $253.1 billion shortfall recorded for the corresponding period last year. The latest figures underscore the worsening state of the government's balance sheets.

Compared to the period last year, spending was up 6.6 percent in the first six months of the 2004 budget year. Revenues, meanwhile, were up 3.1 percent from a year ago.

The White House expects the deficit for the entire budget year to balloon to $521 billion, while the Congressional Budget Office is forecasting $477 billion in red ink. Either projection would mark a record in dollar terms.

Democrats point to the growing deficits as evidence of what they believe is President Bush's poor handling of the economy. The Bush administration has blamed the deficits in part on fighting terrorism abroad and in the United States and says it wants to cut the deficit in half over the next five years.

In March, the government recorded a deficit of $72.7 billion, compared with the $58.9 billion shortfall for March last year. March's deficit was based on revenues of $140 billion and spending of $212.7 billion. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

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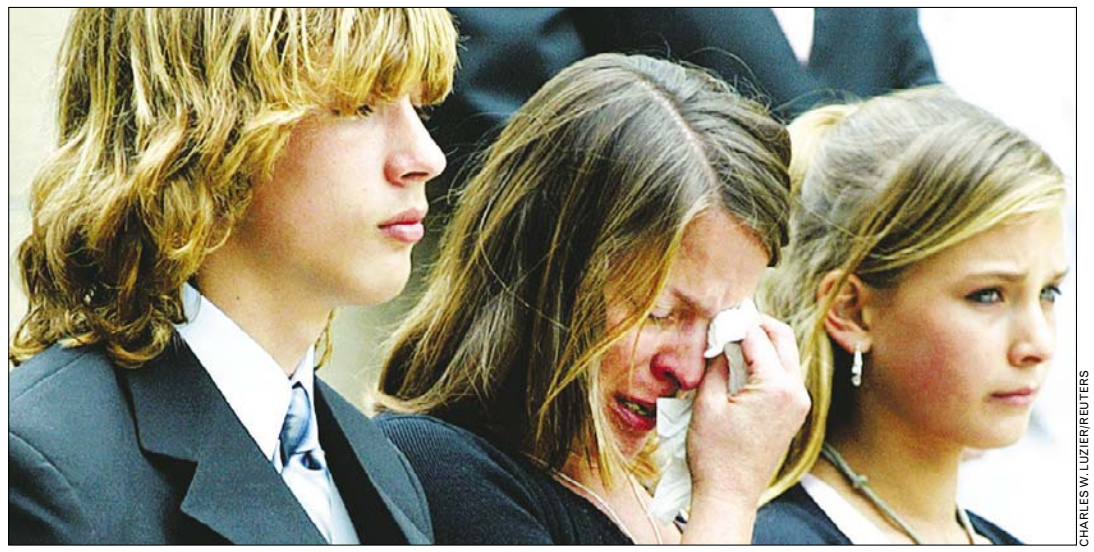

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LAID TO REST: Patricia Irby, center, the ex-wife of Scott Helvenston, attends his funeral in Leesburg, Fla., Tuesday with their children Jason, left, and Kelsey, right. Helvenston was one of four civilians killed during an ambush in the Iraqi city of Fallujah on March 31. The mutilated bodies of two of the four were then hung from a bridge over the Euphrates River.

Student Faces Discipline in Blood Drive

Sorority apologizes for e-mail telling members to 'lie' when donating

COLUMBIA, MO. | A sorority blood drive coordinator who urged members to lie about their health to qualify as donors in a campus competition could face discipline ranging up to expulsion, a University of Missouri-Columbia official said Tuesday.

In addition, the campus chapter of Gamma Phi Beta must forfeit any points it would have earned in the "Greek Week" competition for last week's blood drive, campus fraternity and sorority leaders said.

The sorority's national office issued a statement Tuesday saying it regretted the incident "and apologizes to the community, the Red Cross and campus."

In an April 6 e-mail sent to about 170 members of Gamma Phi Beta, sophomore Christie Key, the Missouri-Columbia chapter's blood donation coordinator, wrote: "I dont care if you got a tattoo last week LIE. I dont care if you have a cold. Suck it up. We all do. LIE. Recent peircings? LIE."

The American Red Cross tells people who are sick or have recently received tattoos or piercings not to donate blood, to protect their and the blood recipients' health.

Sorority and fraternity members at the school will be educated about blood donation safety, said Cathy Scroggs, the university vice chancellor for student affairs. She said the university strongly discourages making students give blood.

Scroggs said the university was investigating and would decide soon whether Key will be disciplined. SCOTT CHARTON (AP)

World

In Brief

ARAB LEAGUE

After Canceling Summit Last Month, Tunisia to Try Again

Amr Moussa, the Arab League's secretary-general, said Tuesday that the Arab summit, which was postponed last month, looks set to be held in Tunisia in May. Tunisia postponed the summit because of differences over how to further peace efforts with Israel and a U.S.-backed reform plan for the Middle East. (AP)

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Crime Chief Carves Out Role for Military

Leon Arslanian, the new anti-crime chief in Buenos Aires province, said Tuesday he would soon unveil details of his crime-fighting program, which reportedly seeks the help of Argentina's military. The use of military forces would mark their first major foray into public security work since the return to democracy in 1983 after a seven-year dictatorship, during which a crackdown on dissent left nearly 10,000 people reported dead or missing. (AP)

PAKISTAN

Police Sweep Up Supporters Of Jailed Opposition Leader

Police arrested at least 15 supporters of a top opposition leader Tuesday, a day after he was sentenced to 23 years for trying to incite an army rebellion — a conviction condemned by the Islamic nation's human rights commission as a "farce." The sentence against Javed Hashmi, leader of the Muslim League party, was one of the most severe against an opposition leader since President Gen. Pervez Musharraf took power in a bloodless coup in 1999. (AP)

HEARSAY | S. AFRICA

"You vote, you get nothing. So, rather, spend your money and get something. It's how the world works now."

—S'BU NDEBELE, 24-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FLASHING HIS SHOPPING BAGS BY WAY OF EXPLAINING WHY HE REFUSED TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN WEDNESDAY'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, THE THIRD ALL-RACE BALLOT SINCE THE END OF APARTHEID 10 YEARS AGO.

U.S. Chopper Downed Near Fallujah

Team sent in to rescue wounded crew is ambushed by rebels

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | A U.S. military helicopter was hit by ground fire Tuesday and forced to land, and three crew members were wounded. The military said rebels attacked a rescue team with mortars, small arms and rocket-propelled grenades.

Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne, the Marine commander in the area, said the H-53 Sikorsky helicopter went down before dawn.

An Associated Press reporter later saw the craft burning in a field 12 miles east of Fallujah. Photos of the wreckage showed no sign of bodies. About a dozen masked gunmen were near the wreckage, with at least one carrying an RPG launcher.

"The helicopter was passing overhead, and we happened to be hiding here. We fired an RPG at it and it fell," one of the gunmen said.

The team that extracted the Marine crew came under mortar fire and was ambushed as it pulled back by gunmen using small weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. A Marine was killed by mortar fire, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt.

Marine spokesman 1st. Lt. Eric Knapp said seven Marines were wounded in Fallujah during the day. It was not clear if those casualties came from the battle around the helicopter.

Before Tuesday's helicopter crash, a U.S. convoy was attacked near the same site, and two Humvees and a truck were burning, said witnesses, who also reported U.S. casualties.

LOURDES NAVARRO (AP)

M. SCOTT MAHASKEY/MARINE CORPS

ONE OF THEIR OWN: Marines load the body of a comrade who was killed in action outside Fallujah onto a truck Tuesday. At least 83 U.S. troops were killed in action in the first 12 days of April, which has become the deadliest month of the entire war.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- **U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan** virtually ruled out sending a large U.N. team to Iraq "for the foreseeable future" because of the surge in violence.
- **Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov** vowed to keep the Bulgarian contingent in Iraq but insisted the unit be relocated to a safer place outside Karbala.
- **New Zealand Prime Minister** Helen Clark said her country's contingent of army engineers may leave Iraq if the unrest continues.

'We walked right into an ambush': U.S. soldiers react to the fierce fighting that returned to Fallujah after three days of relative calm | Today's Post: Section A

FBI Joins Kidnappings Investigation

Dozens held hostage in rash of attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD | The FBI has joined the investigation of a series of kidnappings that have targeted dozens of foreigners in Iraq in the past 10 days, coalition spokesman Dan Senor said Tuesday.

The most recent reported abductions were of four Italian security guards working for a U.S.-based company and a French TV journalist.

The Italian Foreign Ministry said its civilians worked for the U.S.-based security company and were first reported missing Monday. Al-Jazeera broadcast a video showing four Italians sitting on the floor holding passports. Behind them were men with machine guns.

The French government demanded the immediate release of Alexandre Jordanov, a journalist for Capa Television in Paris, who was seized Sunday as he was videotaping an attack on an American military convoy.

And the U.S. military said seven civilian employees of a subsidiary of Halliburton Co., a U.S. firm, and two American soldiers were missing after their convoy was ambushed Friday near Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad.

Only one, Thomas Hamill, a 43-year-old truck driver from Macon, Miss., is known to have been abducted. His captors have threatened to kill and mutilate him unless U.S. troops ended their assault on the city of Fallujah. The deadline passed Sunday with no word on his fate.

HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

Television images from Al-Jazeera of four Italian hostages being held in Iraq.

4 Unidentified Bodies Found in Iraq, Official Says

WASHINGTON | The bodies of four people, none identified, have been found in Iraq, a State Department official said Tuesday night.

The official said initially that the bodies had been mutilated but later said that description was based on an official report that had not been confirmed. The identities and nationalities of the victims were unknown, said the official, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

A spokeswoman for Halliburton Co., the major U.S. contractor in Iraq, said the firm also was aware that remains had been recovered in the country but added that there had been no identifications. (AP)

World

China Prods U.S. On Taiwan Arms

Cheney's trip begins with blunt request to stop weapons sales

BEIJING | Vice President Dick Cheney praised China for its efforts to prod North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions and promised Tuesday to "do good work together" on a range of issues.

But U.S. officials cautioned against expecting breakthroughs on the stalled North Korea nuclear talks, and tensions also remained over Taiwan and Hong Kong.

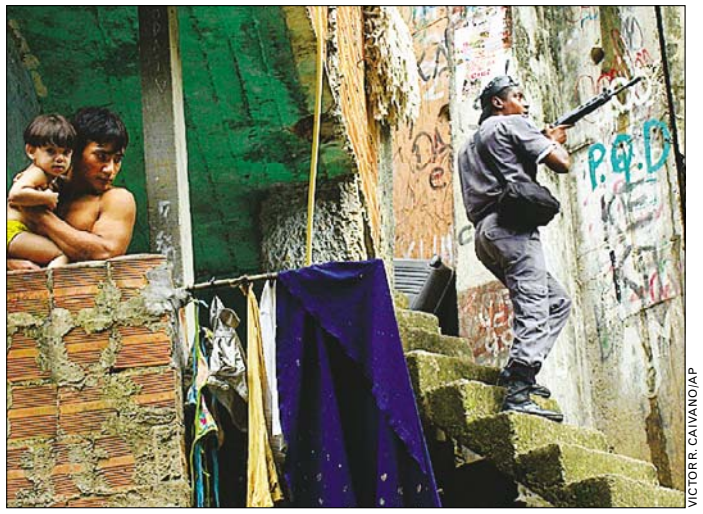
In an unusually blunt appeal, China's vice president asked Cheney during a one-on-one meeting for Washington to stop selling defensive weapons to Taiwan, Chinese state media reported. Zeng Qinghong's appeal to Cheney shortly after his arrival in Beijing reflected the intensity of China's frustration with U.S. support for self-ruled Taiwan, which the communist mainland claims as part of its territory.

"There is only one China and Taiwan is part of China," an announcer, citing Zeng, said on the state television evening news.

It is almost unheard of for a senior Chinese leader to deliver such a direct, potentially confrontational message to a visiting foreign leader. Beijing's anxiety over U.S. ties with Taiwan is expected to be a key issue during Cheney's three-day visit.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Cheney affirmed U.S. policy, which doesn't support formal independence for Taiwan. TOM RAUM (AP)

BRAZIL | NEW FACES IN TOWN



VICTOR R. CAIVANO/AP

INVADED: A family looks on as a police officer patrols Rocinha, Rio de Janeiro's biggest shantytown, on Tuesday. More than 1,000 police have stormed two Rio shantytowns since Monday, attempting to halt a violent dispute among drug traffickers that has left at least 10 people dead.

BY THE NUMBERS: Brazil's homicide rate jumped 130% over the past two decades as the country experienced an unprecedented crime wave in big city slums dominated by drug lords, the government said Tuesday. (AP)

Shanghai Eases One-Child Policy

SHANGHAI | Authorities in Shanghai announced Tuesday that divorced couples who remarry will be allowed to have a second child, easing China's controversial one-child per couple rule.

Since the 1970s, the government has enforced the one-child policy to slow the growth of China's population of 1.3 billion people. Couples who violate the rule can be fined, and activists allege some officials force women to have abortions or to undergo surgery to be sterilized.

The city is acting under a policy that lets local governments decide how to apply the one-child rule.

Under the new rules, divorced Shanghai residents will be allowed a child with a new spouse even if they already have one from a previous marriage. Until now, divorced Chinese were only allowed to have a second child if their new spouse was still childless. (AP)

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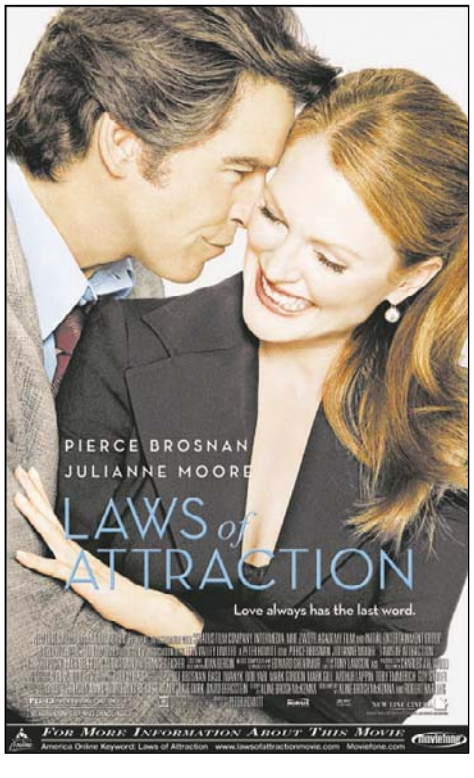

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In Brief

FAIRFAX, VA.

County Agrees to Pick Up Trash at Metro Bus Shelters

Overflowing piles of trash have been removed from some Fairfax County bus shelters. County officials and Metro had been sparring over who should pay to remove the trash that's been building up for months at shelters in the Baileys Crossroads area. Fairfax sent a crew out to remove the trash Tuesday and will be using inmates from the sheriff's department in the future. (AP)

COLLEGE PARK, MD.

Group May Sue to Force Paper Trail in Elections

Supporters of a paper trail for Maryland's electronic voting machines say they may file a lawsuit to force the state to adopt the practice by the November elections. The new strategy comes after legislation requiring voting machines to print paper ballots died in a General Assembly conference committee. "We see this as a disappointment, but not the end of the game," said Kevin Zeese, co-founder of True Vote Maryland. Zeese said the group will likely file suit before the general election. (AP)

The Lotteries

April 13

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-1-5 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	9-2-3 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	2-3-9-4
Evening DC 4	2-5-3-7
Quick Cash	6-1-15-14-16-19
Hot Five	23-22-1-32-17

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	4-4-5
Evening Pick 3	8-1-9
Mid-day Pick 4	9-3-5-9
Evening Pick 4	2-7-7-9
Match 5	9-18-32-33-35 Bonus: 1

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-8-4
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-8-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	7-7-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	8-4-9-5
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	4-11-14-17-21
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	1-4-9-11-21

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Va. House Breaks Budget Stalemate

Compromise tax plan passes 52-46, but may face defeat in Senate

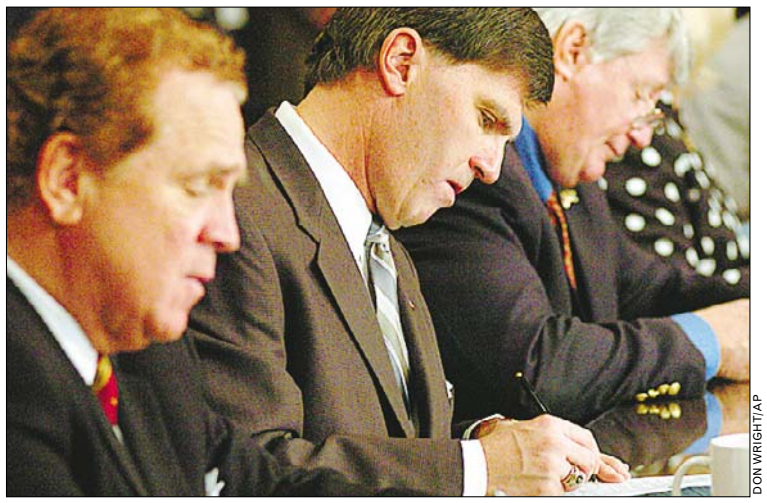
RICHMOND, VA. | The House of Delegates voted 52-46 on Tuesday to pass a compromise tax increase package, breaking with its long-held opposition to tax increases in an effort to advance a budget compromise with the Senate.

The bill would boost the state sales tax by one-half cent and raise cigarette taxes, but a key provision that would have increased the tax on recording real estate transactions was stripped from the measure moments before it passed.

Without the increase in the so-called "recordation tax," the measure would generate only about $748 million in revenue over a two-year period, well short of the $972 million its sponsors anticipated and the Senate expected.

But House Speaker William J. Howell, R-Stafford, was pessimistic the bill would break the budget impasse. "It's not going to bring closure," the staunch anti-tax advocate said.

Key senators had made it clear before the vote that they wanted about $800 million to $1 billion more than the $972 million Del. Harry J. Parrish's revenue bill would have provided. Eliminating the recordation tax throws the budget into limbo, with the Senate Finance Committee prepared to take up the measure Wednesday morning. (AP)



DON WRIGHT/AP

Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich, center, signs 64 new laws into effect on Tuesday.

Cost of Registering Cars To Rise Under New Law

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The cost of registering motor vehicles will increase sharply this summer under a new law signed Tuesday by Gov. Robert Ehrlich — part of the governor's plan to devote about $237 million annually to build and repair the state's congested highway system.

Registration will increase from $81 every two years to $128 every two years for passenger vehicles weighing less than 3,700 pounds and $108 to $180 for larger passenger vehicles.

The fees, paid when vehicle owners renew their license tags, will bring in about $153 million a year and will be committed to the governor's plan for the state's highways and bridges.

The bill also allows the Motor Vehicle Administration to increase miscellaneous fees, producing $20 million a year in new revenues. The new fees, along with an unexpected increase in existing transportation revenues, will enable the state to undertake the governor's $237 million plan. TOM STUCKEY (AP)

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Money

Balancing Budget Trumps Tax Cuts

Poll: Most Americans would rather see the U.S. back in black

WASHINGTON | By almost a 2-1 margin, Americans prefer balancing the nation's budget to cutting taxes, according to an Associated Press poll, even though many believe their overall tax burden has risen despite tax cuts over the past three years.

About six in 10, 61 percent, chose balancing the budget while 36 percent chose tax cuts when they were asked which was more important, according to a poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos Public Affairs.

Half in the poll, 49 percent, said their overall tax burden — including federal, state and local taxes — had gone up over the past three years. That's almost four times the 13 percent in the poll who said their overall taxes had gone down.

Even when it comes to federal taxes, twenty-five percent in the poll don't feel their taxes have gone down over the past three years.

However, both the conservative-leaning Tax Foundation and the liberal-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities have concluded that the federal tax burden is easing for the average American family. The Tax Foundation suggests that federal income taxes are lower for Americans than they have been for almost four decades.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,001 adults was taken March 19-21 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. WILL LESTER (AP)

TAX-FILING 101: GETTING A 4-MONTH GRACE PERIOD

IF YOU'RE AMONG the 10 million taxpayers who won't meet the April 15 tax-filing deadline, now is the time to ask the Internal Revenue Service for an automatic four-month extension.

Taxpayers can extend their filing deadline to Aug. 15 by submitting IRS Form 4868. The simple form can be mailed, transmitted electronically or used as a worksheet to file by telephone. The toll-free number for extensions — 1-888-796-1074 — is available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time.

The automatic extension gives taxpayers more time only to file the paperwork, not to pay taxes due. The IRS charges interest on taxes not paid by April 15.

Instructions, forms and tips for last-minute filers can be found on the IRS Web site, http://www.irs.gov/.

Dow Drops 134 as Upbeat Retail News Fuels Inflation Fears

NEW YORK | Wall Street took a sharp downward turn Tuesday as investors interpreted a big jump in retail sales as a harbinger of an earlier-than-expected rise in interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average gave up early gains, falling more than 130 points by the close.

The selloff was spurred by the Commerce Department's report of a 1.8 percent increase in retail sales for March, the biggest jump in a year and three times greater than the 0.6 percent hike expected.

That raised the specter of inflation, and investors worried that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates soon to keep the economy from growing too fast.

While the retail data helped the markets open higher, the major indexes quickly slipped into negative territory and fell sharply in afternoon trading. The Dow was off 134.28, or 1.3 percent, at 10,381.28. The selling was broad, with every major sector losing ground, since rising interest rates could make borrowing difficult for most companies. MICHAEL J. MARTINEZ (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Tesoro	22.25	+2.48	+12.5
NovaStar s	41.89	+4.39	+11.7
LeapFrog	22.45	+1.58	+7.6
RAIT Inv	25.53	+1.53	+6.4
GiantIn	19.05	+1.09	+6.1

Losers

Huffy	3.15	-.72	-18.6
WHX	2.29	-.42	-15.5
PhmRes	46.17	-7.79	-14.4
Mastec	8.39	-1.29	-13.3
MidwGm	7.25	-.89	-10.9

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SpctSig	3.87	+2.12	+121.1
WaveSys	2.14	+.81	+60.9
Lantronx	2.09	+.79	+60.8
MDSI g	8.62	+3.01	+53.7
RadaElec	2.40	+.67	+38.7

Losers

IntlElec	8.90	-3.29	-27.0
Abatix	5.38	-1.67	-23.7
WatrInst	8.53	-2.07	-19.5
Synergx s	6.77	-1.60	-19.1
MediaSv rs	12.01	-2.74	-18.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.93
2-year	2.00	1.84
10-year	4.35	4.15
30-year	5.15	5.00

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5498	.5436	.6362
Canadian Dollar	1.3345	1.3377	1.4539
European Euro	.8375	.8284	.9295
Japanese Yen	106.67	105.38	120.44
Mexican Peso	11.2390	11.2250	10.6220
Taiwanese Dollar	32.79	32.88	34.79

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-134.28	-35.40	-15.76
-1.28	-1.71	-1.38
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	43.39	-.37	-7.3
Comcast	29.99	-.35	-8.5
Comc sp	28.96	-.28	-7.4
CoxCom	31.38	-.32	-8.9
Disney	25.00	-.70	+7.2
Fox Ent	28.27	-.71	-3.0
Gannett	88.43	-.79	-.8
GTelevsa	46.35	-1.31	+16.3
LibtyMA	11.07	-.14	-6.9
LibtyMB	12.30	-.04	-10.9
NewsCorp	36.87	-1.12	+2.1
Thomson	31.34	-.29	-13.5
TimeWarn	16.90	-.47	-6.1
Viacom	40.50	-.60	-8.5
ViacomB	40.27	-.62	-9.3

LIVE ONLINE

Chat House

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post columnist **MICHAEL WILBON** was online Tuesday talking about the world of sports.

How much of Tiger Woods's "slump" do you think is physical and how much is mental?

I think his surgically repaired knee might be hurting more than he is letting on. And for anybody who plays the game, you know that one marginal or fractional change affects everything in the golf swing.

What's the deal with D.C. sports? Why have they dried up? The 'Skins are one of the premiere franchises in sports history, but now we wallow in .500 seasons. Is this the fans' fault for not demanding better, or does ownership take the blame here?

It's nobody's fault. You are not guaranteed anything because you are a fan of the Redskins. Now the Wizards is a different case entirely. That is about ownership and bad decision making over a period of 15 years. The Capitals have had some success (1998 Cup Finals) and some bad luck and some bad decision making.

This morning I looked at the NBA standings and saw that the Memphis Grizzlies are 50-30! Are you kidding me? The Wizards haven't sniffed 50 wins since I was playing on a jungle gym. Is there any hope for us Wizards fans?

In the next couple of years? Maybe not. If they win the lottery and get Emeka Okafor. With him in the middle and Gilbert Arenas and Larry Hughes, there would be hope ... but not if they have to chose one of those high school kids.

Who's your NBA Rookie of the Year, LeBron James or Carmelo Anthony? On the one hand, LeBron exceeded everyone's lofty expectations, but on the other hand, Carmelo led his once-sorry team to the playoffs.

Carmelo. His team is 10 games better than LeBron's team, despite playing in the tougher conference. And Carmelo's team made the playoffs with what I think is lesser talent than Cleveland. Lebron was fabulous all year. I just think Carmelo was a little bit better.

Barnett: Party-Goers Share Blame

Suspended Colo. coach discusses rape allegations

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Suspended Colorado football coach Gary Barnett told investigators Tuesday there is "no question" there was misbehavior at a 2001 party at the center of a rape scandal but suggested everybody who attended shared the blame.

Barnett, appearing for the first time before a panel looking into recruiting practices at the school, said there were 10 people at the off-campus party, including four football players.

"There is no question in my mind that inappropriate behavior occurred," Barnett said.

Three women have said they were raped by players or recruits at the party or just afterward. They have sued the school in federal court, seeking unspecified damages for what they say was the school's failure to rein in athletes and provide equal protection to women.

At least eight women since 1997 have accused Colorado football athletes of rape, though no charges have been filed.

The Board of Regents' panel is to issue a report at the end of the month on whether Colorado uses sex and alcohol to entice recruits to the Boulder campus. A separate investigation headed by the state attorney general is under way. JON SARCHE (AP)

ED ANDRIESKI/AP

Suspended Colorado football coach Gary Barnett told an investigative panel Tuesday there is "no question" that inappropriate behavior took place at a 2001 party.

GREGORY SMITH/AP

DENIED: Atlanta's Bob Sura missed out on a triple-double after the NBA took away a rebound from his Tuesday statistics.

NBA Blocks Sura's Triple-Double

League takes rebound away from guard for trying to pad his stats

PRO BASKETBALL | The NBA took away Bob Sura's third straight triple-double Tuesday, ruling he shouldn't get credit for one rebound because he intentionally missed a shot just before the buzzer.

Sura thought he was the first NBA player since Grant Hill in 1997 to have three straight games with double figures in scoring, rebounding and assists.

But the NBA said his tactics in Monday night's 129-107 win over New Jersey violated the rule that states, "A field goal attempt is a player's attempt to shoot the ball into the basket for a field goal."

Since Sura wasn't trying to make the shot, the NBA said, he shouldn't get credit for a field goal attempted. Therefore, there was no rebound.

The journeyman guard had 22 points and 11 assists when he missed a layup just before the buzzer.

Sura picked up the first triple-double of his eight-year career on Friday, when he put up 12 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds at Chicago. The following night, he had 15 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds against Boston. PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)

St. John's Turns to Roberts

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Norm Roberts was hired Tuesday as the coach of a St. John's basketball program trying to recover from scandal, suspensions and a last-place finish in the Big East.

Roberts's hiring comes after one of the worst seasons in school history. The Red Storm went 6-19 (1-13 in the Big East) and ended the season with just eight players, including four walk-ons, after a string of suspensions and expulsions.

Roberts

In December, Mike Jarvis became the first coach in Big East history to be fired during a season. Assistant Kevin Clark was appointed interim coach, and the Red Storm tied a school record with seven straight losses.

Roberts worked last season for Bill Self at Kansas, after three years as an assistant to Self at Illinois. Known for his recruiting, Roberts was also an assistant to Self at Tulsa and Oral Roberts. Roberts's only head coaching experience came from 1992-95 at his alma mater, Queens College. JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

Sports

Redskins Ink Kozlowski, Release Chamberlain

PRO FOOTBALL | The Washington Redskins signed tight end Brian Kozlowski and released tight end Byron Chamberlain on Tuesday.

Kozlowski has played 10 seasons — the last seven with Atlanta — and could serve as the versatile H-back coach Joe Gibbs has been seeking. Kozlowski started a career-high nine games and caught 10 passes for 87 yards last year, although he has been a reserve blocking tight end and special teams player for most of his career.

He has 78 career catches for 917 yards and eight touchdowns.

Chamberlain, once a Pro Bowl player with Minnesota, failed to make an impact after joining the Redskins one month into last season. He was inactive for seven of 11 games and caught just four passes for 29 yards.

Chamberlain was cut by the Vikings last year after serving a four-game suspension for testing positive for ephedra, a diet drug now banned by the federal government. (AP)

BASEBALL | A LEG UP ON THE COMPETITION

JEFF ROBERSON/AP

DOWN AND UP: Chicago White Sox base runner Jose Valentin, right, reacts after being called out on a tag by Kansas City Royals shortstop Angel Berroa in Tuesday's game. But the White Sox won their home opener, 12-5.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) The Washington Wizards close out their season at home with a game against the New Orleans Hornets.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) Game No. 2 of the Orioles-Red Sox series features Sidney Ponson taking on Tim Wakefield.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on ESPN) The New Jersey Devils can even its playoff series with the Philadelphia Flyers with a win in New Jersey.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on ESPN2) Colorado can take a 3-1 lead in its playoff series by defeating Dallas.

BASEBALL (10 p.m. on ESPN2) David Wells pitches for San Diego against Kazuhisa Ishii and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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Sports

Anderson to Stay In Angels' Outfield

All-Star MVP agrees to 4-year, $48 million contract with Anaheim

PRO BASEBALL | Angels slugger Garret Anderson agreed Tuesday to a $48 million, four-year contract extension through 2008. The deal includes a team option for 2009 with a $3 million buyout.

Anderson is a two-time All-Star and was the game's MVP last year. In 2003, he hit .315 with 29 home runs and 116 RBIs.

The 31-year-old center fielder is in his 10th full season and is the Angels' career hits leader.

Anderson was the Angels' fourth-round draft pick in 1990. (AP)

NICK WASS/AP

All-Star Garret Anderson is the Anaheim Angels' career hits leader.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
Y-New Jersey	47	34	.580	—	5-5	34-19
X-Miami	41	40	.506	6	7-3	29-24
X-New York	39	42	.481	8	6-4	31-22
X-Boston	35	46	.432	12	4-6	23-30
Philadelphia	33	48	.407	14	4-6	23-30
Washington	25	56	.309	22	2-8	16-37
Orlando	20	61	.247	27	1-9	16-37

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
C- Indiana	60	21	.741	—	8-2	40-13
X-Detroit	54	27	.667	6	8-2	37-16
X-Milwaukee	41	40	.506	19	6-4	33-20
X-New Orleans	40	41	.494	20	3-7	29-24
Cleveland	34	47	.420	26	3-7	28-25
Toronto	31	49	.388	28.5	1-9	20-32
Atlanta	28	53	.346	32	6-4	19-34
Chicago	23	58	.284	37	3-7	19-34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Minnesota	57	24	.704	—	8-2	33-18
X-San Antonio	56	25	.691	1	10-0	34-17
X-Memphis	50	30	.625	6.5	6-4	28-22
X-Dallas	50	30	.625	6.5	6-4	31-19
X-Houston	45	36	.556	12	4-6	21-30
X-Denver	43	38	.531	14	7-3	29-22
Utah	42	39	.519	15	5-5	25-26

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Sacramento	55	26	.679	—	4-6	31-20
X-L.A. Lakers	54	26	.675	.5	7-3	29-21
Portland	41	40	.506	14	5-5	22-29
Golden State	36	44	.450	18.5	6-4	22-28
Seattle	36	45	.444	19	3-7	21-30
Phoenix	28	52	.350	26.5	5-5	15-35
L.A. Clippers	27	53	.338	27.5	0-10	13-37

Standings through April 12; Y-Clinched division. X-Clinched playoff berth; C-Clinched conference.

✣ **Scoreboard:** Get a complete recap of Tuesday's baseball, basketball and hockey games | washingtonpost.com/sports

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	4	3	.571	—	2-1	2-2
Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	—	4-3	0-0
New York	4	4	.500	.5	2-2	2-2
Baltimore	3	4	.429	1	2-2	1-2
Toronto	1	5	.167	2.5	0-3	1-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Detroit	5	1	.833	—	2-1	3-0
Kansas City	4	2	.667	1	4-2	0-0
Chicago	3	3	.500	2	0-0	3-3
Minnesota	3	4	.429	2.5	2-1	1-3
Cleveland	3	5	.375	3	1-0	2-5

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Oakland	4	2	.667	—	4-2	0-0
Anaheim	4	3	.571	.5	0-0	4-3
Texas	4	3	.571	.5	3-1	1-2
Seattle	1	5	.167	3	0-3	1-2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Florida	5	1	.833	—	5-1	0-0
New York	4	3	.571	1.5	1-0	3-3
Atlanta	3	4	.429	2.5	3-3	0-1
Montreal	2	4	.333	3	1-2	1-2
Philadelphia	1	6	.143	4.5	0-1	1-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	—	4-2	1-0
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1	1-2	3-1
Pittsburgh	4	3	.571	1	2-1	2-2
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	1.5	1-2	3-2
St. Louis	4	4	.500	1.5	1-4	3-0
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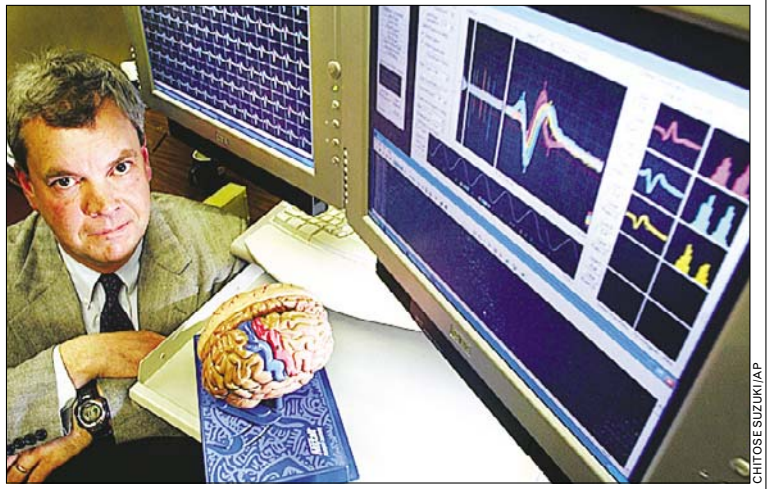
Brain Power Booster

A new technology could make using a computer as simple as thinking

BRAIN SURGERY | For years, science visionaries have dreamed of machines that can read minds, then act on instructions as they are thought. Now, the first human trials of one such technology are set to begin.

Cyberkinetics of Foxboro has received Food and Drug Administration approval to begin a clinical trial in which four-square-millimeter chips will be implanted beneath the skulls of paralyzed patients. If successful, the chips could allow patients to send computer commands, essentially by thinking about them.

It's a small, early step in a mission to improve the quality of life for victims of strokes and debilitating diseases like cerebral palsy or Lou Gehrig's. Many victims of such ailments can now survive for long periods thanks to life support, but their quality of life is poor.



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BRAIN EXTENSIONS: Tim Surgenor of Cyberkinetics says an implant inside an injured person's brain could allow them to use a computer, or even robotic limbs.

"A computer is a gateway to everything else these patients would like to do, including motivating your own muscles through electrical stimulation," said Cyberkinetics Chief Executive Tim Surgenor. "This is a step in the process."

The company isn't the only group of researchers active in the field. But it appears the company will be the first to begin a long-term, human trial with a sophisticated device placed inside a patient's brain. It hopes to bring a product to market in three to five years.

Cyberkinetics founder Dr. John Donoghue, a Brown University neuroscientist, attracted attention with research on monkeys that was published in 2002 in the journal Nature.

The idea is not to stimulate the brain, but rather to monitor activity from the brain's neurons and synapses, trying to discern when the brain is signaling a desire to make a particular physical movement.

"We're going to say to a paralyzed patient, 'Imagine moving your hand six inches to the right,'" Surgenor said. Then, he said, researchers will try to identify the brain activity associated with that desire. Someday, that capacity could feed into related devices that help patients act on that desire, like a robotic arm.

It's misleading to say such technologies "read minds," said Dr. Jonathan Wolpaw, of the New York State Department of Health, who is conducting similar research. Instead, they train minds to recognize a new pattern of cause and effect, and adapt.

Moving the experiment from monkeys to humans is a challenge. Cyberkinetics' "Brain Gate" contains tiny spikes that will extend down about one millimeter into the brain after being implanted beneath the skull, monitoring the activity from a small group of neurons.

The signals will be monitored through wires emerging from the skull, which presents some danger of infection. The company is working on a wireless version.

Wolpaw said it isn't clear that it's necessary to implant such devices inside the brain; other technologies that monitor activity from outside the skull may prove as effective. But, he said, the idea of brain implants seems to attract more attention.

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"The idea that you can get control by putting things into the brain appears to have an inherent fascination," he said. JUSTIN POPE (AP)

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Timeless Class

Peter Cincotti wants young people to tune in to his retro channel

PERSONALITY | One year ago, Peter Cincotti was shuttling between his Columbia University dormitory and his mother's Park Avenue apartment, juggling college classes with gigs at local jazz clubs. His major worries were studying for finals while finishing up his debut album.

This winter found Cincotti shuttling between the United States, where his busy schedule included performing in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and Germany, where he recently finished filming Kevin Spacey's Bobby Darin biopic "Beyond the Sea." His major worries were studying his film lines and writing songs for his second album.

"It's been amazing," said the 20-year-old pianist and singer, referring to his roller-coaster of a year. "It's one of those things where you don't realize you're on a ride until it hits you."

Cincotti's most memorable road experiences included opening for some of the singer-pianists who have most influenced him — Ray Charles at the Montreal jazz festival and Shirley Horn at a Roman amphitheater in Vienne, France. He also got the equivalent of a master's class in acting by working with Spacey, who is directing and starring in the Darin biopic. Cincotti plays Darin's longtime arranger Dick Behrke.

With his bedroom eyes and silky hair flopping over his eyebrow, Cincotti certainly has movie-star looks. People magazine ranked him among its "sexy singers" of 2003. But Cincotti is more concerned with substance than style.

"My problem with today's music is that so much of it is dependent upon external things other than the music ... how somebody looks, if they are marketable," said Cincotti. "The music should stand alone. "

Only 20 years old, Cincotti has opened for jazz legends like Shirley Horn and Ray Charles.

Although his contemporaries might be into OutKast, Cincotti was exposed from an early age to the music of the Gershwins and Irving Berlin.

"I think the younger generation can learn to love this kind of music," said Cincotti. "It's not that they don't like it, it's just that they don't know it." CHARLES J. GANS (AP)

JIM COOPER/AP

RECENT VINTAGE: Already a heartthrob singer, Cincotti tries for matinee idol, too.

Too Many Stations

TV on the Radio's mix of musical genres is daring but unfocused

MUSIC | Like the name of the band itself, TV on the Radio's first full-length album is a mysterious mix of media.

Guitars sprint mechanically over layered loops of beats and noise. A skronking saxophone plunges into the wash of a synthesizer. And soaring voices unite in a cappella harmony, of all things.

But like all daring experiments, the chemistry of "Desperate Youth, Blood Thirsty Babes" (Touch and Go Records) courts an unpredictable reaction.

A core trio that regularly pulls in other musicians, TV on the Radio runs with vanguard Brooklyn bands like Liars and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs (singer Karen O supplied basement recording space in her New Jersey home for much of "Desperate Youth").

And like the best of its peers, TV on the Radio offers rock-fatigued listeners the promise of something new. That hope pivots on the skittering, pastiche musicianship of David Sitek and the vocals of Tunde Adebimpe, soulful cries edged with static that evoke Peter Gabriel.

On one of the strongest of the album's 10 tracks, the eerie "Dreams," Adebimpe barks, "I know your heart can't breathe/ what your eyes won't see/but you were my favorite moment/of our dead century."

From low frequency hymn to doo-wop dirge, each song expresses its own shade — most of them dark. However, the album is consistent in its frustrating absence of climax. Songs build with hypnotic repetition but don't crash over the crest of tension they've built. Taken as a whole, the songs sound like a collection of sonic studies: moody, riveting but achingly incomplete.

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TUNE IN: If it's edgy, TVOTR will play it, from saxophones to synthesizers to soul.

Today's Top Stops

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Decline of Bubba: SoCul on the Skids

1 North Carolina's Southern Culture on the Skids jams the redneck handbook's most coveted stereotypes into seriously knowledgable sub-Mason Dixon musical genres and plunges the whole thing into the deep-fryer. Not great for you, but delicious.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7:30 p.m., $15; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

RON KEITH

Southern culture's on the skids, but its hairdos and trucker caps are the same.

Irony 101: Something Corporate

2 Straight outta the O.C., Southern California's literate alt-poppers Something Corporate bring smarts to the modern rock game. And to female fans, Tiger Beat-ready singer Andrew McMahon is their own Ryan Atwood.

Nation, 1015 Half St. SE; 7 p.m., $20; 202-554-1500.

Helping Hams: Wade Aid

3 Local bassist Wade Matthews is illin', and not in the good way. State Theatre is hosting "Wade Aid," an all-star jam (including Catfish Hodge, Tom Principato, Ron Holloway and Mary Shaver) intent on raising money for Matthews's treatment.

State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church, 8 p.m., $15; 703-237-0300.

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Hush Your Mouth

Muzzle Awards mock censors and other free-speech foes

AWARDS | CBS Television, which passed on the miniseries "The Reagans" amid conservative pressure, and the Martha Stewart trial judge are among this year's winners of the dubious Jefferson Muzzle awards for suppression of free speech.

CBS, whose chairman and CEO is Les Moonves, was cited "for acts of self-censorship demonstrating both hypocrisy and an unwillingness to stand up to public and political pressure," the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression said in a statement.

CBS also refused to air a 30-second commercial from Moveon.org, a group critical of the Bush administration, during a Super Bowl broadcast now notorious for its raunch.

Other muzzle recipients announced in the 13th annual edition of the awards on Tuesday include Baseball Hall of Fame president Dale Petrosky, who canceled a 15th-anniversary showing of the movie "Bull Durham" because of opposition to the Iraq war by two of the film's stars, Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins.

The autonomous, not-for-profit center is associated with the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Each year, the muzzle awards are handed out on the birthday of Thomas Jefferson. Recipients receive a T-shirt that depicts the nation's third president and First Amendment advocate with a muzzle.

U.S. District Judge Miriam G. Cedarbaum received a muzzle for barring reporters from jury selection in the Martha Stewart trial. An appeals court later said she erred, but by that time jury selection had been completed.

The Secret Service was cited for investigating whether Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Michael Ramirez of the Los Angeles Times could be charged with "threatening the life" of President Bush for a cartoon depicting a man pointing a gun at Bush.

DAVID E. LEIVA (AP)

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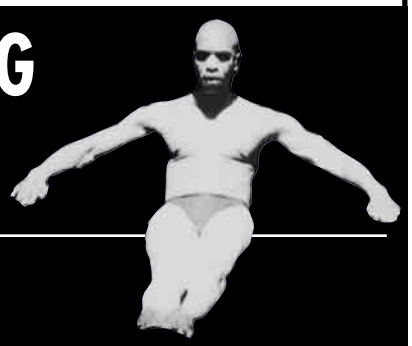

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What Would Jesus Play?

The message of 'Passion' stokes rock's spiritual fires

SYNERGY | Being connected to a movie that has grossed more than $330 million can be a great way to launch a new album.

That's what Universal South is banking on with last week's release of "Songs Inspired by The Passion of the Christ." The album collects spiritually themed tracks from artists as diverse as Ricky Skaggs, Bob Dylan and Nick Cave.

This is the second project released in conjunction with Mel Gibson's film about the last 12 hours of Christ's life.

John Debney's score, "The Passion of the Christ: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack," has remained at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Contemporary Christian Albums chart since its Feb. 24 release.

Gibson, who produced the "Inspired by" project with documentary filmmaker/video director Lian Lunson, was heavily involved in choosing songs and wrote liner notes for the album.

The project features six new recordings and six previously recorded tracks. Among the highlights are Leonard Cohen's "By the Rivers Dark," Holly Williams singing her grandfather Hank Williams's "How Can You Refuse Him Now?" and Skaggs's poignant version of "Are You Afraid to Die?" with an introduction by the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham.

SAM BARKER

HOLY ROCK AND ROLLING: Nick Cave is among the artists inspired by "Passion."

Jessi Colter and her son Shooter Jennings wrote "Please Carry Me Home" especially for the album. It marks the first time the two have written and recorded together. "The song was one of those songs that was a deep spiritual journey for both of us," Jennings says, "and hopefully for those who listen to it."

The set's "Inspired by" title is a bit of a misnomer, because many of the songs have been around for years.

Lunson said the goal of the album was to try to put music to the feelings that the movie stirs in viewers.

"It's more about the emotions that come out of the film," Lunson says. "I tried to put together songs that somehow reflected some of the feelings you felt in the film or when you came out of it, and a lot of them were feelings you really couldn't describe."

Lunson said the album's organizers were looking for music that wasn't overtly religious. "The film itself is so strong that I didn't feel — and neither did Mel — that you needed to have songs that were giving you an overt message." DEBORAH EVANS PRICE (BILLBOARD)

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The Boys From Brooklyn: Shakespeare Now

4 One of our local treasures, director Joe Banno, orchestrates the farcical goings-on in "The Comedy of Errors," in which Shakespeare's separated-at-birth twins confuse the heck out of the denizens of an Italian neighborhood in Brooklyn when unwittingly reunited.

Folger Theater, 201 East Capitol St. SE; through May 23, tonight's performance 7:30 p.m., $25-$33; 202-544-7077. (Capitol South)

CLAIRE DUGGAN

Dromio and Antipholus, long-lost twins, reunite in "Comedy of Errors."

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LAST CHANCE: Diane Cook and Len Jenshel's "Aquarium," wry, melancholy photographs of enclosed sea life, goes under for good on Sat., April 17. Kathleen Ewing Gallery, 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW 202-328-0955.

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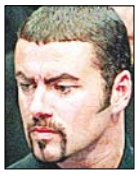
BOWING OUT | George Michael says he's retiring — not from music, but from the music industry, announcing plans to make future recordings available for free on his Web site, so long as fans make a donation to a charity in return. That's after his CD "Patience" was released last month everywhere except in the U.S.



Michael

The first single "Amazing" (Epic) offers a clue why. Michael's voice is as effortless and soulful as ever. But it lacks spark, a sense of urgency. He may sing, "I think you're amazing," but it feels like, "Eh, whatever."

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Oscar Screener Plea

LITIGATION | An Illinois man pleaded guilty Monday to one count of copyright infringement for pirating Oscar screener copies of about 200 films including "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" and "Seabiscuit."

Russell W. Sprague, 51, entered his plea in federal court. He faces up to three years in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced July 28.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Johnson said he will ask to postpone the sentencing hearing, saying he needs more time to calculate how much money movie studios may lose from Sprague's copying.

Sprague's arrest marked the first for pirating of special videotapes and DVDs that are supplied in advance to Academy Awards voters, federal agents said. Many of the screener copies are of films that are in movie theaters or are still unreleased.

REUTERS

PIRATE'S BOOTY: An Oscar-voter screener of "Kill Bill Vol. 1" is at issue in Russell W. Sprague's copyright infringement case; the Illinois man pleaded guilty.

The investigation began when Hollywood studios traced pirated versions of the movies to Carmine Caridi, a 70-year-old actor.

Caridi, who had been an academy member, admitted in an affidavit that he sent Sprague, of Homewood, Ill., copies of several movies. He has not been charged.

Sprague admitted in his plea agreement he was also sent movies by actor Nicky Blair, who died in 1998. (AP)

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TELEVISION | CATTLE CALL

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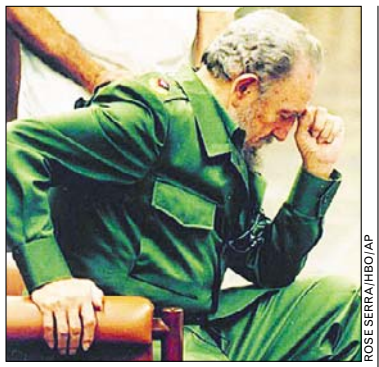
BUT THE CAMERA LOVES ME: The wannabe-famous play to the camera — any camera — while waiting to get into last Firday's open casting call for "Big Brother 5," the latest installation of ABC's popular but wildly uneven reality contest show. "Big Brother 5" premiers July 6, with or without these particular fans of the lights, the lens and the limited celebrity lifespan.

ON TV TONIGHT

BOYS, LITERALLY, OF SUMMER

SMALL BALL: A LITTLE LEAGUE STORY (8 p.m., PBS) follows a team of 11- and 12-year-old boys from Aptos, Calif., as their team advances into the 2002 Little League World Series. The filmmakers emphasize the role of Little League in unifying this beautiful beach community, allowing parents to watch their kids grow up together.

Video footage of the boys progressing from T-ball games in 1995 (when they were 5) to their championship season underscores this parental devotion. The fact that one of the coaches (and a player's dad) is a retired Major Leaguer raises the stakes and the expectations for the Aptos team. But by paying so much attention to the adults and their vicarious experience, the filmmakers lost an opportunity to provide fuller profiles of the young players. In one of the too few interviews with them, however, a player wonders why the grown-ups don't just back off.



ROSE SERRA/HBO/AP

Fidel Castro earnestly tries to remember where he last saw himself.

DID YOU CHECK UNDER THE SOFA?

At the risk of sounding flippant, why did director Oliver Stone call his documentary **LOOKING FOR FIDEL** (8 p.m., HBO)? Was Castro misplaced? Does anyone have any doubts about where he can be found? Is Stone going to reveal the "real" Fidel Castro after all of these decades?

The answers to these rhetorical questions are: no, no, and, disappointingly, no. In "Looking," Castro explains (at length, as usual) his severe crackdown on internal dissidents, actions that have dismayed even Cuba's longtime supporters in the West.

I'M ALSO IN TRACTION, BUT HEY!

I'M STILL ALIVE! (9 p.m., UPN) Survivors of dramatic calamities tell their stories. There's a skydiver who got tangled in his plane's landing gear, a rodeo star attacked by a bull and a race-car driver who walked out of a ball of flames.

CULT CHOICE

COP LAND (8 p.m., AMC) Sylvester Stallone shed his action-star image to portray an out-of-his depth sheriff in a corrupt New Jersey town in this 1997 drama. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	"The Other Me" (2000) Andy Lawrence.			Kim Possible	Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Proud Family
	E!	101 Starlicious Makeovers		E! News (N)	Good to Be	101 Starlicious Makeovers		101 Starlicious Makeovers		101 Starlicious Makeovers		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	(5:00) ★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith.				★★½ "Kiss of the Dragon" (2001) Jet Li. Premiere.				The Shield "Playing Tight"		Nip/Tuck "Sofia Lopez"	
	HGTV	Building	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House	Dream House	New Spaces	Weekend	Mission	Curb Appeal	Curb Appeal	Home to Go	Restore
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven CC		"Celeste in the City" (2004) Majandra Delfino. CC				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Century: America's Time		Modern Marvels "Tailgating"		Modern Marvels CC		Band of Brothers CC		(:15) Modern Marvels (N)		(:15) High Voltage CC	
	Lifetime	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Broken Silence" (1998) Ariana Richards. CC (DVS)				Wild Card "Mimi's Assets"	
	MTV	Made CC		Direct Effect CC		Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Famous Face	Famous Face	Made (N) CC		Band II	Band II
	NICK	U-Pick CC	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats CC	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Politics" CC		★★ "Creature" (1998) Craig T. Nelson. An amphibious monster threatens a scientist and his family. CC CC								★½ "Fangs" (2001) CC	
	SPIKE	Real TV CC	Real TV CC	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek: Next Gener.		★★★ "Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy. Premiere. CC CC					Ride
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	★★★ "The Fifth Element" (1997) (PA) Bruce Willis. CC			
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	TNT	Charmed CC CC		Law & Order CC CC (DVS)		Law & Order "School Daze"		Law & Order "The Collar"		★★½ "Out for Justice" (1991) Steven Seagal. CC			
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger CC		JAG CC CC (DVS)		Law & Order		Law & Order		Karen Sisco (N) CC CC		Law & Order	
	VHI	(5:30) Driven	Fabulous Life	Fabulous Life Of... CC		★★★ "Selena" (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Edward James Olmos, Jon Seda. CC						Fabulous Life	Driven CC
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	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) CC		Countdown-Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★½ "Navy SEALS" (1990) Charlie Sheen. 'R'				★★★½ "Cop Land" (1997, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. 'R'				★★★½ "Atlantic City" (1980) Burt Lancaster. 'R' CC			
	TCM	Private Screenings CC		Private Screenings CC		★★★★ "Gone With the Wind" (1939) Clark Gable. The Civil War forces a Southern belle to face reality. 'G' CC (DVS)							
	HBO	(:15) ★★ "The Transporter" (2002) Jason Statham. CC				Looking for Fidel CC CC		The Sopranos CC CC		On the Record CC CC		Deadwood CC CC	
	MAX	★★½ "XChange" (2000) Stephen Baldwin. CC 'R' CC				★★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002) Sandra Bullock. 'R'				★★ "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) CC			Erotic
	SHO	(5:00) "Stanley & Iris" CC		★★ "Ghoulies" (1985) Peter Liapis. iTV.			★½ "They" (2002) Laura Regan. 'PG-13'			Soul Food (iTV) (N) CC CC		The L Word (iTV) CC CC	
	TMC	(:15) "Winter Break" (2003) Milo Ventimiglia. CC 'R' CC				★★ "CQ" (2001) Jeremy Davies. 'R' CC			★★ "Kill Me Later" (2001) Selma Blair. 'R'			★★ "100 Women" (2002)	
	STARZ!	(5:35) "Tuck Everlasting"		(:15) ★★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003) Eddie Murphy. 'PG'				★★★ "Michael" (1996) John Travolta. CC 'PG' CC				★★ "Maid in Manhattan"	
	ENCORE	The Survivors	★ "The New Guy" (2002) DJ Qualls. CC			★★½ "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger. CC 'R' CC				★★½ "When a Man Loves a Woman" (1994) CC 'R'			

Cars

Kia's Newest 'New Spectra'

TEST DRIVE | Kia's best-seller, the Spectra, is all new, almost.

The compact four-door car arriving now in showrooms rides on a new platform, has improved engine power, new styling, a bigger trunk and a quieter interior.

It's also the first compact sedan in the segment with standard head curtain airbags. Side-mounted airbags for front-seat riders also are standard.

But the name isn't exactly new: 2004 Spectra.

There already has been a 2004 Spectra, basically a carryover from the 2003 model, that had been sold starting last year.

2004 KIA SPECTRA LX

TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel-drive, five-passenger, compact sedan
ENGINE: 2-liter, double overhead cam, inline four cylinder with CVVT
MILEAGE: 25 mpg city, 32 highway
BASE PRICE: $12,620

Thus, Kia officials call the new, improved Spectra arriving in mid-model year the 2004 "new Spectra."

The "new Spectra" is a tad taller and wider than its predecessor, and styling is upgraded and pleasing in a non-flashy, mainstream way.

The new Spectra rides on a more modern platform, a modified version of the Hyundai Elantra's platform. (Hyundai owns Kia.)

It's easy to notice this car is quieter than its predecessor. The ride, itself, is improved from the previous Spectra, with a cohesive feeling as the car moved through curves.

ANN M. JOB (AP)

AP

HAPPY NEW YEAR: The new 2004 Spectra is a step up from the old 2004 Spectra.

Awake at The Wheel

SAFETY | Volvo announced plans for technologies to help drowsy drivers on Wednesday at the New York Auto Show. The features are to be included in Volvo cars and SUVs before the end of the decade.

A spokesman said Volvo tested optical scanning and a variety of warnings: a vibrating steering wheel, the sound of a car driving over rumble strips and a visual warning projected on the windshield. Researchers also tested a so-called "active" system in which the vehicle would actually adjust the steering automatically if it veered too far one way or the other. (AP)

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LIFE LESSONS

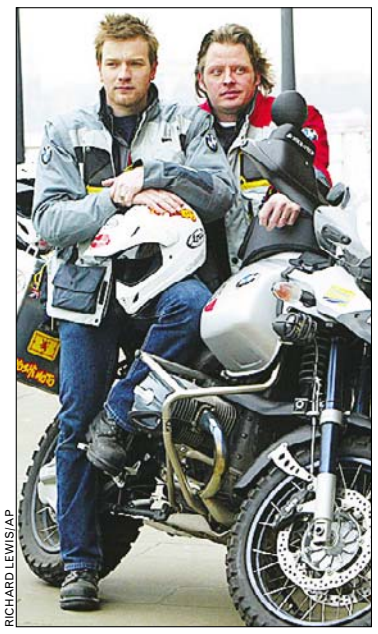
Kids, If You Don't Get the Job You Want, Pose Skankily

In a victory for all career women, the FHM issue featuring four fired beauties from "The Apprentice" oozed onto newsstands Tuesday. From left: **KRISTI FRANK** reveals that contestants were "delirious and wasted" much of the time; **KATRINA CAMPINS** says she heard that Omarosa pushed a cameraman; **AMY HENRY**, who could have been a role model (sigh), complains about job offers; and **EREKA VETRINI** ponders her curious resemblance to J.Lo. (EXPRESS)

STUNTS

Bike Across Siberia Without A Film Crew? Are You Mad?

Actors **EWAN MCGREGOR** and **CHARLEY BOORMAN** plan to set out this week on a motorcycle trip across Europe, Asia and North America that will get them to New York City in July. Starting in London, they'll do it all by road, except for a train under the English Channel and a flight across the Bering Strait between Siberia and Alaska. "It's such an obvious route," said McGregor. "I'm surprised more people don't do it." A cameraman will accompany them on a third bike, of course. (AP)



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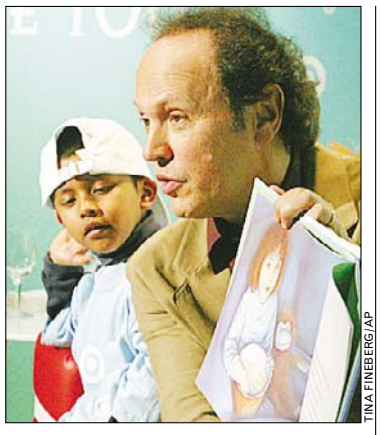
Run, Ewan, but "Star Wars: Episode III: The Creeping Fear" will still come out.

BOOKS

Not Since James Carville Has a Children's Author ...

Comedian **BILLY CRYSTAL**'s first celebrity children's book, "I Already Know I Love You," came out on Tuesday, reported Reuters. He told rapt 5-year-olds at the Children's Museum in Manhattan that he wrote the book for his first grandchild, Ella. The book describes the things he'd like to do with his grandchild, such as eat spaghetti, Reuters said. Other celebrity children's authors include Jay Leno, Madonna and James Carville. (EXPRESS)



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And then Willow said to her pal Buffy, "Maybe you could blow something up."

REVELATIONS

Giuliani Admits Mortality

RUDOLPH GIULIANI helped start a nationwide campaign Tuesday sponsored by Spike TV to get 100,000 male viewers to sign up for physicals by year's end. "I think men are brought up to not acknowledge that they have pain. There's sort of a macho thing about suggesting you don't feel well," the 59-year-old former New York mayor said. "All that leads to thinking that you're almost immortal ... I was like that." (AP)

REALITY

Britney Is Punny! Ha Ha

Reps for **BRITNEY SPEARS** are shopping a reality series of her backstage life on tour, according to The Hollywood Reporter. "OnTourage" would observe Britney and her dancers on the European stretch of the Onyx Hotel Tour. Spears herself will be allowed to narrate and shoot segments. Not terribly surprisingly, the reps are describing the show as "The Real World" meets "Truth or Dare," said the Reporter. (EXPRESS)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
A shower, t-storm	Partly cloudy, cold	Breezy, partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny, warm	Partly sunny, warm
65°	41°	61° / 43°	65° / 48°	72° / 55°	74° / 55°

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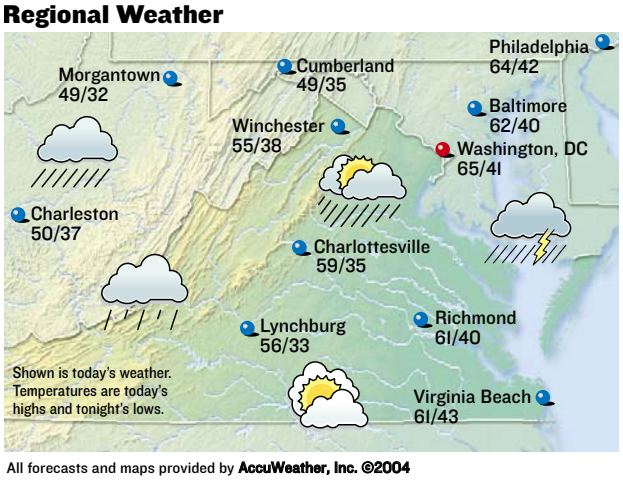

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	50°
Low	44°
Normal high	66°
Normal low	45°
Average humidity	91%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.76"
Month to date	2.69"
Normal month to date	1.20"
Year to date	8.41"
Last year to date	15.03"
Normal year to date	10.75"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

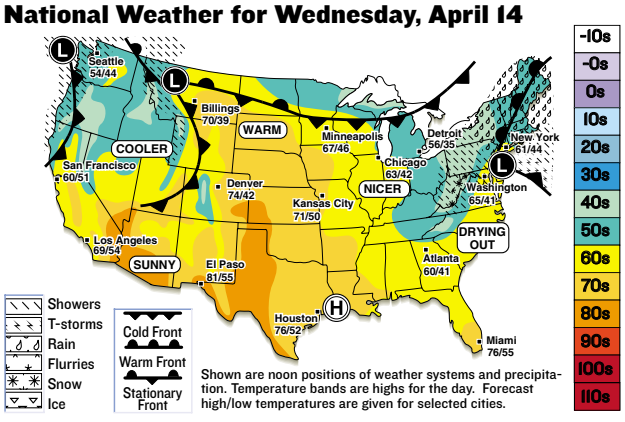
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, shower, thunderstorm. High 65. Wind northwest 12-22 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, cold. Low 41.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:44 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:29 a.m.
Moonset today	2:49 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 19	Apr 27	May 4	May 11

National Weather for Wednesday, April 14



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	60/41/s	71/50/s
Boston	60/43/r	50/37/sh
Chicago	63/42/s	70/51/s
Dallas	74/54/s	77/60/pc
Denver	74/42/pc	70/40/s
Honolulu	83/73/pc	84/73/pc
Los Angeles	69/54/pc	69/54/pc
Miami	76/55/s	75/63/s
New York City	61/44/sh	55/42/sh
Orlando	70/48/s	76/54/s
Seattle	54/44/sh	54/42/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	55/48/pc	58/51/s
Athens	66/48/s	63/46/s
Berlin	59/43/s	62/47/s
Buenos Aires	68/56/r	68/59/sh
Calgary	31/24/sn	32/22/sn
Dublin	54/43/sh	51/35/sh
Geneva	57/40/pc	57/45/sh
Moscow	44/27/sh	44/29/r
Rome	59/44/pc	59/44/c
Sydney	82/61/pc	84/63/pc
Tokyo	65/51/r	65/54/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

MY COMMUTE ON METRO began quite pleasantly this morning. That is until I sat down on a Red Line train and looked up to see a disgusting ad for Alitalia Airlines.

In the ad, a man and woman were sitting at a table. However, only their legs, under the table, were displayed. The man was wearing suit pants. The woman, of course, was wearing a mini skirt and high heels and, if that was not bad enough, you could see all the way up her skirt! One of her legs was rubbing against the man's leg and the slogan, "Let's improve foreign relations" was printed at the bottom of the picture.

Metro needs to use more discretion before it displays offensive ads on its trains.

—KAREN A. MORENO
Alexandria, Va.

SPEAK UP: Got a story to tell? We want to hear it. Express is accepting guest column submissions from readers. Submissions should be between 200 and 250 words and must include all the usual contact information. We'll give preference to columns about living in or commuting to D.C. — in other words, less politics and griping, more observation and reflection. Columns will run occasionally, as space allows. Send submissions by e-mail to inbox@readexpress.com.

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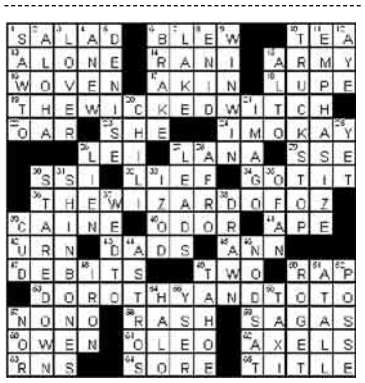
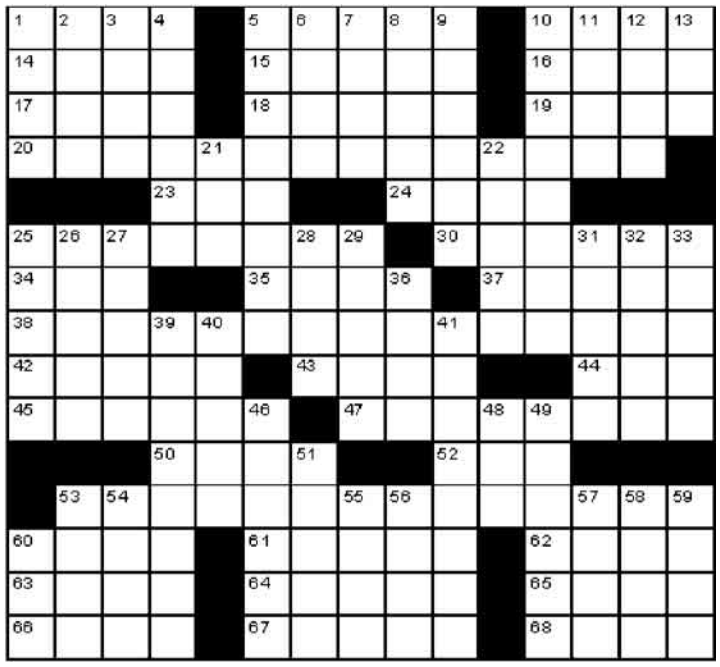


Crossword Puzzle: 86 Years and Counting | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Late baseball commissioner Giamatti
5 "___ show biz!"
10 Mets' playground
14 Stick in the fridge
15 Riding garb
16 Bird on a beach, perhaps
17 Head for the heavens
18 Top group
19 Oscar role for Julia
20 Bosox albatross
23 "The ___ Professor," Casey Stengel
24 Ben-Gurion lander
25 Congressional assemblies
30 Antarctica volcano
34 Summertime, in France
35 Louis XIV and XVI, e.g.
37 Clerical garment
38 Fenway Park structure
42 Championship
43 Flow out slowly
44 Publisher's nickname
45 Sundae portions
47 Like well-tended gardens
50 Type of ad
52 "The Crying Game" star
53 Bosox bugaboo
60 Angel's topper
61 Charge
62 It's sometimes hard to take
63 Old song "Abdul Abulbul ___"
64 The Sorbonne, for one
65 Split
66 American League constituent
67 Hemmed without hawing?
68 Meat-and-vegetable fare

DOWN
1 Greenish-yellow pear
2 Giants manager
3 Bring up
4 Truncated museum sculptures
5 Red Sox great, ___ Samuel Williams
6 Inning segment
7 "This won't hurt ___!"
8 It's typically ten percent
9 Brosnan role
10 Diamond thieves?
11 Rosemary or parsley
12 Ohio Indian, once
13 ___ Arbor, Mich.
21 New Haven collegian
22 Munchhausen's title
25 Paving stones
26 Set of moral values
27 Watch after
28 Turndowns
29 Muscle power
31 Enjoy a hot tub
32 "___ Gold" (1997)
33 Medieval menials
36 Hook underling
39 Firefly larva
40 Pay back
41 Managed
46 Bedtime annoyances
48 Home in the hills
49 West Coast pros
51 It's symbolized by a white flag
53 Jeter or Martinez, e.g.
54 Essayist Lamb
55 In the ___ (informed)
56 Master of locks
57 Ballpark stadium sign
58 Roofer's concern
59 Merganser's kin
60 It may be cocked

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Focus on that which has been out of reach in recent days or weeks. If you broaden your overall view, you'll realize how near it really is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may have some bad news to deliver to someone close to you, but you'll do it with a becoming grace. Things will improve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may find it difficult, if not impossible, to explain to others how to do a certain thing, so you may just have to do it yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's important that you get up-to-date information to all those who need it as soon as possible. Don't wait until you get the go-ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're in the mood to do something rash and impulsive — but you must draw the line at anything that threatens to harm anyone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's up to you to determine if things are being done up to par — at home and at the workplace. Your word is law.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may be seeing things in a new way. Before the day is out, you'll want to share your new perspective with those closest to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone may come to you with "I told you so" on his or her lips, but the truth is that the final verdict is not yet in. You'll prevail yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A new interest will grab you before the day is out, and you'll want to spend as much time as possible exploring this new opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're going to have to make some sort of an apology before the day is out, and you'll want to weigh your words carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You're in need of something that is rare — but available. Pinpointing just where you can acquire it will be the hard part.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You're growing tired of the same old complaints, and you'll finally have the opportunity to do something definite about them.

LIVE ONLINE

Spring Styles

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post fashion editor **ROBIN GIVHAN** was online Tuesday to discuss the latest styles for spring.

What are the must-haves for this season?

They are a warm heart and a good spirit. Everything else is optional. On that list, I might include a spring dress — something girly and more seductive than sexy. I'd throw in a short jacket, round-toe shoes and I'd ditch black.

Are pleats totally verboten for men's pants? After seeing how flat-front pants are more flattering, I can see why pleats would be out. But they are sold everywhere. Could you please render a verdict on men's pleated pants?

Love a men's fashion question! I love the boys! Pleats are not totally verboten for men's trousers. They are sold because some men swear by them and when the pleats are modest, are not offensive in the least. They can, in fact, be just fine.

Pleats are classic. But flat fronts are generally much more flattering.

Are fishnets in for spring? What about a seamed stocking with a French heel?

Fishnets in a neutral tone, yes. Fishnets in black that make you look like an extra from "Chicago," no. Seamed stockings? Only if you're also wearing a French maid's uniform.

I'm 58 and somewhat well-preserved. Where are hemlines for the over-50 set? I don't want to look matronly or ridiculous.

If you've got the gams, show them off. The hemline is wherever is most flattering. But fashion is not championing mini-skirts or long skirts. Think just above or just below the knee.

Today on Live Online

10 A.M.: Steve Loesher, director of instruction at the Nike School of Golf in Reston, Va., talks about tips and tricks to help you improve your golf game.

1 P.M.: Washington Post Associate Editor Robert G. Kaiser takes questions and comments on President Bush's news conference.

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